## Future of Rural Mobility

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A Community Interest Company

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And other roles......

**Breathes and Lives Rural** 

## SRITC (CIC): who is involved



**Directors** 





Alex Reid



Jenny Milne

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Alastair McInroy

Musketeers

Being revamped – so it's your time to get involved!

**Advisory Board** 



Laurie Pickup, Advisory Board Chair



Alastair McInroy



Artemis Pana



Jim Riach



Kate Pangbourne



Linda Bamford



Magnus Fredricson



Michael Willmot



Robina Barton

THE ROUTING COMPANY





## **How SRITC work**





### Core values

- Supportive
- Resourceful
- Innovative Focused
- Transformative
- Community



Vision



Mission

Our Community's Vision is to come together to affect change for rural communities, users and providers of transport and mobility.

To achieve this, SRITC's Mission, is to be a <u>collective voice</u> for rural and island communities, organisations, and businesses, building a network that can deliver a <u>better transport future</u>; <u>represent the transport needs</u> of residents to those who can facilitate change; and facilitate <u>knowledge and best practice exchange</u> to support <u>innovative solutions</u> to key transport challenges.

## What does SRITC do?





Cafes & news

Monthly online cafes: themes or placed based. (Hybrid Gathering!) Bi-weekly news on all aspects of rural transport



Reports

Spotlight on Rural and Island Transport: Response to NTS2 Consultation (2022)



- A Rural and Island Mobility Plan: The Building Blocks (2023)
- SRITC Gathering Report (2023)
- Scottish Rural and Island Parliament Transport Forum Report including RIMP (2023)



Services

GatherGreenly: Sustainable Travel Support for Rural Events

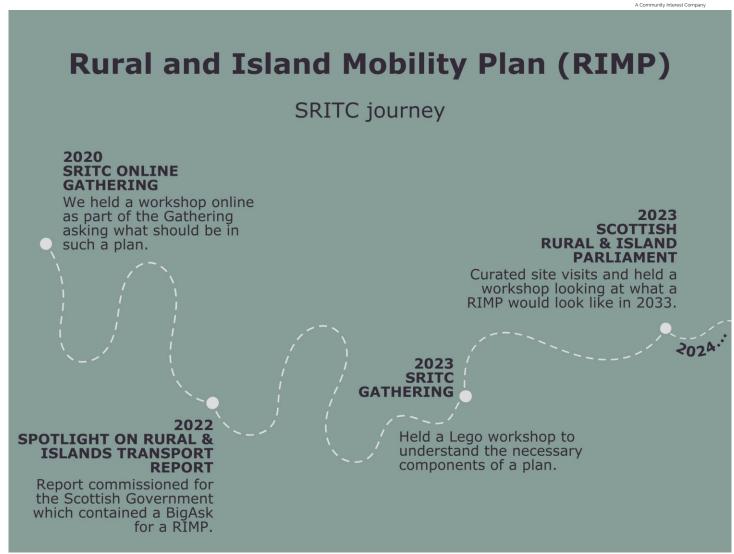
Rural Stakeholder Engagement

## **Rural and Island Mobility Plan Story**

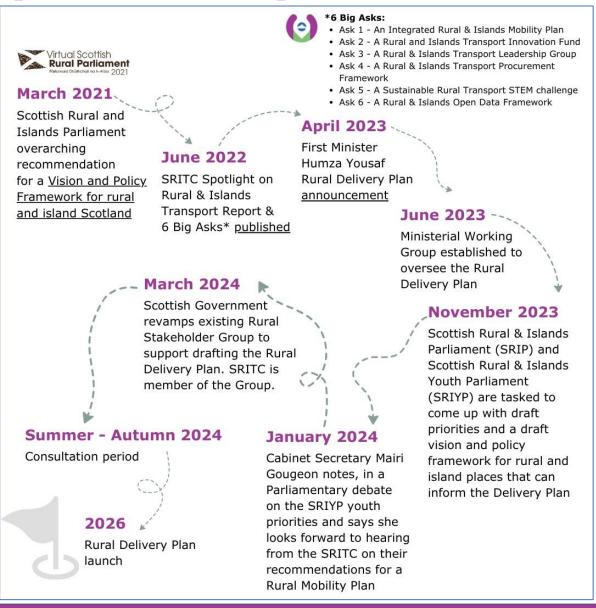




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## **Rural Delivery Plan Story**





## **Rural Delivery Plan – Data Story**

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#### Ferry reliability

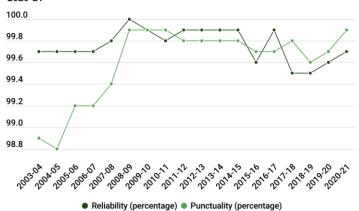
The reliability of lifeline ferry services in Scotland was relatively stable between 2003-4 and 2020-1.

The Scottish Government defines 'lifeline ferry services' as those required in order for a community to be viable. The term is also used to refer to ferry services subsidised from public funds to support lifeline links which would not otherwise be provided by commercial operators.



National Outcomes: Economy, Communities

#### Graph 2.10: Reliability and punctuality (%) of lifeline CalMac ferry services 2003-04 to 2020-21



Source: Scottish Transport Statistics 2021

#### The <u>Rural Scotland Data Dashboard</u> has eight sections:

- 1. Economic development;
- 2. Transport;
- 3. Housing;
- 4. Social justice;
- 5. Population;
- 6. Digital connectivity;
- 7. Education and skills;
- 8. Health and social care.

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#### Travel in rural areas

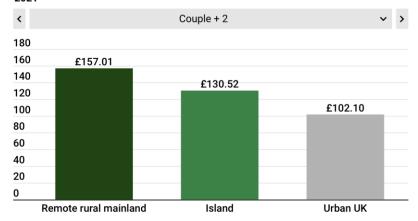
There is higher reliance on driving as a means of transport in rural areas, and journey times are longer.

Transport costs are also higher in rural and island areas, particularly for working-age households and pensioners. For example, weekly travel costs are estimated to be up to 251% higher for pensioners living in remote rural areas on the mainland.



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#### Table 2.1: Weekly travel costs in different Minimum Income Standard (MIS) budgets, 2021



Source: <u>The cost of remoteness</u>. <u>Additional minimum living costs in remote rural Scotland, Scotlish Government (2021)</u>. Also see: Poverty in rural Scotland: evidence review. Note: study uses a geographical classification based on categories 4 and 6 of the <u>six fold Urban Rural classification 2016</u>.

The **car** forms the basis of 'rural definitions. This measurement assumes access or ownership!

## Finally....



## **April SRITC Open Cafe & Chat**

Includes Climate cafés!

26.04.2024 10:00 am - 11:00 am **MaaS Scotland Conference** – June,
Glasgow

**Royal Highland Show** – June, Edinburgh



As SRITC is a social enterprise any profits are invested back into rural transport. Should you wish to help support this aim, we have partnership opportunities to cater for all. From £150 to support two cafes to longer term commitments.

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